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OR HEAT RECOVERY TYPE OVEN

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Examiner:

In response to the Office Action of October 2, 2006, Applicants submit this Response and Amendment and request that the Examiner please reconsider the rejection of the claims in the above-identified application. With this response, Applicants provide Amendments to the Claims beginning on page 2 and Remarks/Arguments beginning on page 7.